Accidents of fighter planes

†*482. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fighter planes of Indian Air Force which met with an accident in the last two years togetherwith the number of pilots who died in these accidents;

(b) the type of fighter planes which met with an accident; and

(c) the details of the reasons of accident as well as the losses suffered as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) The number of fighter aircrafts lost, number of pilots killed and the types of these fighter aircrafts are as under:

Year	No. of Figher ac Accid-ents	No. of Fighter -ac lost	Types of Fighter ac lost MIG 21	MIG 23	MIG 27	MIG Jaguar	29	No. of pilots kille d	Loss incurred (As per Provisional loss statements)
1999-2000	20	22	13*	01	03	01	04*	09	Rs. 375.69 Cr.
2000-2001	17	18	12*	03	03	—	—	10	Rs. 47.60 Cr.+

*An additional ac each has been lost due to mid-air collision.

As per the Court of Inquiry, conducted into each of these accidents, the cause factor of these accidents are found as Human Error, Technical Defect and Bird Hit.

+Since Courts of Inquiry have not been finalized in the case of 6 aircrafts, the loss incurred on these has not been included in this figure.

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